

African American/Black History Month

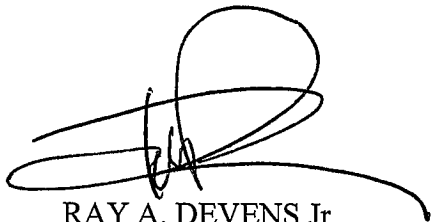
African American History Month is an opportunity to honor African Americans who continue to shape the quality of our military through their dedication to service. During this month, we celebrate the diversity that makes America stronger, and we recognize the many ways African Americans have strengthened our Nation.

African Americans have a proud tradition of exceptional service to our Nation. They have repeatedly answered the call to defend America. These brave men and women bring honor to America and we are grateful for their significant contributions. Since the founding of our Nation, African Americans have volunteered to defend the United States from threats at home and abroad, serving with valor, dedication and selfless service. Eighty-seven African Americans, including five from the Tropic Lightning Division, have been awarded the Medal of Honor for gallantry and bravery in defense of our Nation. African American men and women continue to answer America's call to duty.

This year's theme, "Black Women in the Tropic Lightning Division," invites us to reflect on the vital roles African American women play in our Division. Their leadership, loyalty, and commitment have enriched our Nation, our Army, and the 25th Infantry Division.

I encourage us all to reflect on the contributions black women have and currently make to the Tropic Lightning Division. They are an integral part of this Division, they reflect who we are as Americans, and they play a prominent role in making America strong, proud, and free.

Tropic Lightning!



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